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Birds of Roseate and Rare Plumage Almost Extinct.

Made So to Gratify the Vanity of the Female Sex.

[By Congressman Amos J. Cummings.] Washington, June 9.—The English sparrow is doomed. That tyrant of the air has too longed waged merciless war on the useful and beautiful members of the feathered tribe. Congress is taking steps to restore to America the song birds that formerly made joyous music as they trilled their happy way through as they trined their nappy way through the air. The importation of the mongoose, the so-called "hying-forces" for fruit bats, the English sparrow, the starling or such other birds or animals as the secretary of agriculture may declare injurious to the interests of agriculture or horticulture is to be pro-

Capitol grounds and the parks of this city were filled with robins, bobolinks, and other song birds. The sward below the piazza of the house wing of the Capitol was dotted with songsters, the robins running in every direction for worms and insects, and the trees alive with music. Today it is a rarrity to see a robin in the city of Washington. I a robin in the city of Washington, I heard two chirping on Capitol square early in the spring. Two weeks ago I saw a robin in the square pecked to death by English sparrows. When I reached him he was lying with drooping head and outstretched wings upon the grass in the park. From two to three hundred of these English sparrows surrounded him, tormenting and attacking him. I took the bird into the house and gave him a drop of the best brandy. It regived him and he flew to the back of a chair. A moment afterwards, however, I am sorry to say, his wards, however, I am sorry to say, his head began gradually to droop and he finally dropped from his perch to the carpet. Five minutes afterwards he gasped for breath and died. On examination I found one eye bloodshot, and discovered that the bird was terribly lacerated under the wings. The bills of the sparrows had pierced him to the vitals.

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Last summer I spent in the Susquehanna Valley. Tweive years before this I had summered in the same spot. The little yellow cherry bird was there then in profusion. The ground chippy darted under the fences and has its nest in the tall grass. The yellow-hammer was there undulating from tree to tree. The tapping of the woodpecker was heard in the basswood and other trees, and the twitter of the phoebe bird and the plaintive note of the pewit. The kildee and the plover flew over hills and the kinglisher and the little tip-up were seen upon the shores of the meadows, and dainty woodcock.

trees for 20 square miles. Hundreds of Indians from the New York state reservations were there killing the birds and gathering the squabs. Sportsnen were netting them by the thousand, and pot buniers were sending great loads of these piteons stretching across the sky from daylight to nightfall headed for the west. I doubt whether today you could find one in the whole of Wayne county. All have disappeared. The last roost in the United States was destroyed in the Indian Territory about twelve years ago. A wild pigeon is now more scarce, north, south, east and west, than a wild turkey. The prairie chickens have nearly disappeared, and the American wood duck is being rapidity exterminated.

The most of the states have laws for the protection of their birds, but desire congressional legislation to make their laws effective. Last October I was in Florida. Twenty-shy years ago I summered and wintered there. I spent years on the east coast. The sky was filled with immense flocks of expets and snowy herons, besides the great blue and Louisiana herons and the roseate spoonbill curlew, now the rarest and most heautiful bird in America. The scream of the parakeet was heard at every turn, and goldfinches, mocking birds, limpkins, nonparells, and myriads of songsters were seen everywhere. Today the parakeet has almost entirely disappeared, the roseate spoonbill curlew, now the rarest and most heautiful bird in America. The scream of the parakeet was heard at every turn, and goldfinches, mocking birds, limpkins, nonparells, and myriads of songsters were seen everywhere. Today the parakeet has almost entirely disappeared, the roseate spoonbill curlew today is liable to a fine of \$250.

This slaughter has been made to gratify the vanity of the female sex. Hatis and bonnets have been decorated with their snowy plumes, and the slaughter still continues and will continue unitis some federal law, mortised in with state the whole body tremble. The sensation sent as strange thrill through a still the counting the parakeet was been de

[From the Buffalo News.] March was coming in like a bedrag-gled lion, when Alonzo Jackson, the stage driver, drew up in front of Miss Jane Parmelee's gate and sat patiently waiting until she should make her ap-pearance. The wind roared through the leafless trees, and Alonzo's rubber coat resounded with the beating of the heavy

"Shouldn't wonder if she backed out, after all," he mused, stooping to let his hat brim discharge its pent-up flood. "Ain't many women would start out in a storm like this, just to go a-visitin', if they had made all their arrangements and wrote they was comin'."

But all doubts as to Miss Jane Parmelee's strength of will to carry out what she had determined to do were presently dispelled by the appearance of that spinster at the door of her acttage, with a large giazed traveling bug in one hand and an umbrella in the other. She set the bag down on the stone doorstep, spread the expansive folds of the umbrella over her head, took a key from her pocket and carefully locked the door. The stage driver got down from his wagon, opened the gate and came rustling up the gravel walk in his rubber coat.

"No pend of your comin" for that

"No need of your comin' for that satchel, 'Lonzo," cried Miss Parmelee through the roaring wind, as she turned and put the key in her pocket, after a final test of the locked door. "I've got a free hand, and I reckon I could carry it all right"

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"Mebbe you could," replied Alonzo, cheerfully; "of course you could, Jane, but 'tain't my way to let lady passengers tote their own baggage."

The quiet familiarity with which Alonzo Jackson addressed Miss Parmelee as "Jane" and her quiet, unsurprised acceptance of it, bespoke a closeness of friendship which was well understood in the community, and which had now lasted for twenty years or moreever since they were both "young folks" and Alonzo had been said to be "waiting on" pretty Jane Parmelee.

Everybody supposed that they would get engaged and married in due timelike other young couples with a marked preference for one another. But years passed, and for some reason Alonzo failed to "get to the point."

Some said it was because the awkward bashful boy could not summon up enough courage actually to pop the question. Others declared it was because he was jealous of a young fellow from the city, who boarded with Jane's aunt during the summer, and used occasionally to see Jane home from church or take her to a Sunday school picnic. At any rate, time passed without any formal declaration from Alonzo, and in the meanwhile Jane's parents died and she went to live with her wid-

owed aunt.
Then her aunt died also, and Jane Then her aunt died also, and Jane was left alone in the world, save for a brother, who was a miner in the far west. Jane converted the little property that had been left her into money, and bought a small cottage on the outskirts of the village, where she now lived in genuine old maid fashion.

Alonzo, who was 43 years old, still lived with his aged parents, and cared for them. For ten years he had driven the stage between Gliead and Gliead station—where a remote corner of the the stage between Glead and Glead station—where a remote corner of the township was intersected by a railroad. He had never been to see Jane Par-melee since she moved into her own cot-tage, but they were still "Lonzo" and "Jane" to each other whenever they met, and the memory of a faded ro-mance did not seem to embitter their

met, and the memory of a faded ro-mance did not seem to embitter their present friendship. Jane, Indeed, some-times wondered, with a choking sensa-tion in her throat, why Alonzo Jackson had never asked her to be his wife, but she had long since got over the keen anguish of her girihood disappointment and schooled herself to believe that, since God willed it so, it was "all for the best."

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